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Applicant submits this paper in response to the Restriction Requirement mailed on August 4, 2003. In response to the restriction requirement, Applicant hereby elects group I, claims 1-9 for prosecution on the merits.

Applicant further requests that the claims be amended to cancel claims 10-39 and to add new claims 40-46, as shown in the listing of claims that follows.